Marketing of CD-ROM disc of AHEAD by NISCOM

3164. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Science Communication, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research was the lead organization in keeping account and looking marketing of CD-ROM disc of Asian Health Environmental and Allied Database (AHEAD) till September, 1999;

(b) whether it marketed about 20 percent of the total sale of above CD-ROM disc abroad, till 1998; and

(c) the total amount of check/demand draft in dollars($) and other foreign exchange payable to AHEAD, New Delhi, received from above sales during 1996—98, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The amount received year-wise in US$:

1996-97	2200
1997-98	1120

Legislation for match fixing as criminal offence

3165. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to declare match fixing a criminal offence under the ambit of Indian Penal code;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when necessary legislation is likely to be presented to Parliament for its approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Presently, there is no such proposal with the Government. However, the applicability of

existing laws such as Gambling Act etc. to match fixing is being examined.

Posts of Hindi Officers etc., in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

3166. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi TranslatorcHindi Officers/ Assistants created in the Ministry and allied PSUsAttached and Subordinate Offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Correspondence in Hindi;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill up such posts urgently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The Ministry has one post of Assistant Director, one post of Senior Hindi Translator and three posts of Junior Hindi Translators. However, no such posts exist in the National Service Scheme (NSS), which is the only Subordinate Office. There is no PSU or Attached Office under the Ministry.

(b) and (c) One Junior Hindi Translator has gone on deputation to the Committee of Parliament on Official Language, from Sep-tcuiber, 2000. Pending the substitute to be provided by the Department of Official Language, the Ministry has decided to fill up the post of Junior Hindi Translator on purely ad-hoc basis.